

The area that I reside and work in is primarily rural. While there is cell phone coverage in approximately 80% of this area, it is primarily still analog and spotty at best. Digital services are not available, therefore rendering many if not most of the features of most cell phones un-usable. Considering that this same area comprises the two fastest growing counties in PA (Pike and Monroe), which also happen to be among the fastest growing counties in the country, this poor cell coverage is inexcusable. Small local companies (ie. Cellular One) control the towers yet are unable to make the financial commitment to upgrade, while at the same time, leasing space and services to primary providers such as Verizon, while at the same time preventing Verizon from offering digital services normally provided in other areas.